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In the application of : Klaus Weber et al
Serial Number: Not Yet Assigned (Based on DE 199 45 648.8 filed September 23, 1999 and
PCT/EP00/09177 filed September 20, 2000)
Filing Date: March 22, 2002
For: Apparatus Having At Least Two Processing Stations and a Device for
Loading and Unloading Substrates
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to
the following reference(s):

- 1) US 5,339,128
- 2) US 5,863,170
- 3) US 4,805,759
- 4) US 4,981,408
- 5) US 4,824,309
- 6) Speedline prospectus of Leybold Company 2/97
- 7) DE 197 22 408 C1
- 8) DE 41 27 341 C2
- 9) US 5,700,127

References 1 - 4 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

The relevance of references 5 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 1.

The relevance of references 6 - 8 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 2.

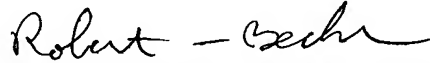
The relevance of reference 9 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 3.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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